

## Clinton Township Environmental Committee - Meeting Minutes

**Date: October 5, 2023**

**Start Time: 7:01 pm**

This meeting is held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-1 et seq. Annual notice having been forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

### Roll Call

Voting members:

- Mario Caballero, Chair
- Geoff Varty, Vice Chair
- Sandra Millward
- Doug Pecota
- Robert Parkanyi
- Danielle Kearsley
- Sandra Butcher (Planning Board)

Non-voting members:

- Amy Switlyk, Council Liaison
- Chris Sotiro, Watershed Ambassador

### Introduction of new Watershed Ambassador

Chris Sotiro will serve the next term as the Watershed Ambassador to CTEC. Chris will work with the CTEC to facilitate activities such as stream assessments, tree planting events, open space clean-ups, as well as provide educational workshops as needed. Chris has an informational flier with his information that can be added to the CTEC website.

### Open to Public

- No public attendees

### Approve minutes

- August Meeting - motion from GV and DP. Approved unanimously

### Correspondence

- Four Letters of Interpretation provided to the CTEC for informational purposes
- 79 Beaver Avenue - Block 59, Lots 3 & 4
  - Letter of Interpretation (establishes the official boundary line of any regulated freshwater wetlands, open waters, or transition areas on the property, and if wetlands are present, identifies their resource value)
- 3 Burlinghoff Lane - Block 3, Lot 4.01

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- Headley Farm Estates - Block 46; Lots 33 & 33.01
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- Exxon Mobil - Block 30, Lots 17, 29.01, 30, 31, & 41; Block 30.02, Lot 1; Block 31, Lot 1
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## Reports

- **Council**
  - No council update this month
- **Planning Board**
  - No Planning Board update this month
- **Open Space**
  - Doug is working with Open Space on a request for local farmers to provide information on pesticides used in the vicinity of public open spaces.
- **Green Team**
  - Meetings moving to 1st Tuesday of every month, 7 pm
  - Silver Certification Plan for 2024 - team needs to achieve 350 points to reach Silver status. Plans in place for initiatives that will generate 200+ points. CTEC members welcome to help Mario and the Green Team with these initiatives.
  - Upcoming events:
    - Annandale Train Station clean-up: Saturday, November 4, 2023 @ 9 am
    - Education event: Birding for Beginners, Saturday October 21, 2023 @ 9 am, Windy Acres.
- **Site Plan Review Subcommittee**
  - No Site Plan Reviews
- **Watershed Ambassador**
  - No updates this month

## Old business

- Amy - Fountain Motel - 165-251 of the Clinton Code, a Soil Disturbance and Grading Plan & 165-76 – Stream Corridor Protection
  - Investigation is on-going
- Mario - ANJEC 2023 Environmental Congress - Friday, October 13, 9am-5pm - The Conference Center at Mercer County College, West Windsor
  - Amy & Mario attending
- Mario - GoHunterdon Annual Meeting & Awards Breakfast - 22-Sep-2023 8:30 am to 10:30 am at Stanton Ridge Golf & Country Club

- Mario attended. Two CTEC/Green Team-driven events reported in the GoHuntetdon annual report - Electric Vehicle First Responder Training event; Annandale Pedestrian Assessment
- Exxon Dam removal?
  - No update

### **New Business**

- Mario - Seeds purchased for Community Day
  - Common Milkweed, Eastern Purple Coneflower, Wild Bergamot
  - Action: Mario to discuss plans for the seeds with Open Space committee and Amy Switlyk given the cancellation of the 2023 Community Day.
- Mario - Styrofoam Recycling Program - <https://www.foamcycle.com/>
  - Item was tabled until the next CTEC meeting in order to discuss with more CTEC members
- Mario - Clinton Twp. Newsletter costs
  - CTEC invoiced for articles in the Clinton Township newsletter. Line item to be added to the 2024 CTEC budget to cover quarterly submissions.
- Mario - CTEC membership
  - Mario will reach out to the NHHS Environmental Club and to the Hunterdon Academies to see if any students are interested in joining the CTEC

**Motion to Adjourn** - motion from GV and DP. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

### **Business for next meeting (Thursday, November 2):**

- Discuss Styrofoam Recycling Program - program details, costs, and whether to support - <https://www.foamcycle.com/>
- Propose 2024 budget amount for Clinton Township newsletter submissions
- Committee to review road salt data and discuss grant proposal
- Doug to present an overview of the bamboo ordinance initiative. Members asked to read materials provided by Doug prior to the meeting (Bamboo folder in November meeting folder in the shared drive)
- Mario to update on seed plans